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Office of Early Learning and Intervention – School Improvement Grant Team:

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The SIG IDOE team is excited to introduce our new School Improvement Grant Specialist – Maggie Rowlands. Maggie comes to us from Nettle Creek School Corporation as a Math Interventionist. Maggie will be working with Cindy and Audrey to provide support to Title I schools and manage school improvement grants. Maggie comes from a teaching background with classroom and intervention experience. Maggie brings Schoolwide Title I program, math intervention, and data coaching experiences to the team.

Along with the new change in staff member, our team has recently updated our title from Title I, to School Improvement. Although we still work under Title I, this new title helps distinguish between our team between other offices within the DOE.

SIG Scoop

SIG Programs:

Since visiting all of our current SIG schools, we recognized the need to compile a list of the different programs used for interventions, assessments, and other data. Collecting and sharing this gathered information with the field will highlight what common programs our schools share. Please take time to complete the survey form to share what programs your school utilizes-- [SIG Program Survey](#).

Cohort 5—FACE WebEx:

Turnaround Principle 8 involves mechanisms for family and community engagement such as engagement programs, reaching out to families, and improving family involvement.

Cohort 5 will have an opportunity to work with our Director of FACE, Leroy Robinson. Please join us in our live webinar on Wednesday, January 13th at 2:00-2:30pm EST. Login information for this conference will be available early next week.

Family and Community Engagement:

Check out what the U.S. Department of Education has shared about FACE.

<http://www.ed.gov/parent-and-family-engagement>

Indiana also has a FACE website to check out for additional resources.

<http://www.doe.in.gov/outreach/familyfriendly-schools-program>



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Updates and Reminders

Data Dashboard:

- The next due date for dashboard submissions is **March 25th**.
- There was discussion at the last PD on collecting teacher attendance—the definition includes all staff members. Please track data that includes both certified and non-certified staff members.

Data Dashboard Snapshot

Average Teacher Attendance: 94%	Average Student Attendance: 96%	Total Co-Teaching Modeling Sessions: 548
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Title I Distinguished Schools Awards:

The National Title I Association has been selecting examples of superior Title I school programs for national recognition through the National Title I Distinguished Schools program since 1996. The IDOE Staff is extremely excited to announce SY 2014-2015 Title I Distinguished Schools: Exceptional Student Performance winner, [Francis W. Parker School 56 in IPS](#) and Closing the Achievement Gap winner, [Valley Grove Elementary School in Anderson Community School Corporation](#).

The School Improvement Team looks forward to incorporating these schools in future professional development opportunities. More information on these schools can be found on the IDOE Distinguished School website. <http://www.doe.in.gov/sig/distinguished-schools>.

Other Points of Interest:

INSIP –Indiana's School Improvement Plan – is the new online template submission for SY 2015-2016. The online electronic system provides one place for schools to develop improvement plans, track progress against goals and objectives and seamlessly manage documents, processes and work flows. *Submission requirements for School Improvement Plans in the ASSIST template for the 2015-16 year will only be optional of currently identified Title I Focus and Priority schools.* This requirement is linked to the customizations aligned to USED Flexibility Requirements and Turnaround Principles for these schools. Please select the link to find more information: <http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/advanced/field-ready-advanced-memo.pdf>.

STLC's Blog- Turnaround in Action- features your Indiana Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and Intervention. Select the link to read our most recent blog: <http://www.schoolturnaroundsupport.org/blog/insig>

ESSA -The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), replaces No Child Left Behind. The new ESSA will begin to take effect in August of 2016 and our current waiver from certain aspects of No Child Left Behind remains in effect until then. See attached [press release](#) to learn more.

A copy of the waiver application can be found [here](#). Any questions, please contact Federal Relations Director Jeff Coyne at jcoyne@doe.in.gov.

HIGHLIGHTS

Do you have something you would like to highlight for your school? Contact Audrey at acarnahan@doe.in.gov to be featured in a newsletter and on the IDOE website.

Other IN Title I Promising Practices here: <http://www.doe.in.gov/titlei/promising-practices-title-i-schools>

Updated SIG 1003g Website: <http://www.doe.in.gov/sig>



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Resources and Opportunities

Resources

SIG Google+ Community:

We take feedback seriously from our SIG schools on how to improve and communicate more efficiently. A few suggestions included a Google+ Community. Please [click here](#) to find our newly created SIG Google+ Community. Share this page with your administration team and teachers to network with schools and share as much as you want.

Opportunities

Indiana Summit on Out-of-School Learning –The 2016 Summit brings together youth programs and community partners to connect, learn new ideas, access valuable resources, and transform learning beyond the school day for Indiana youth. The event will be held at the Indiana Convention Center on Monday April 11, 2016 - Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Register as soon as possible to learn more about outstanding after school programs. [Click here to register.](#)

Hoosier Heroines Essay Contest - Students in 5th through 9th grade are invited to participate in the Hoosier Heroines Essay Contest for a chance to visit the Indiana Statehouse. The finalists will be greeted as special guests of First Lady Karen Pence and Indiana's female statewide office holders, including Superintendent Ritz. Essays must be submitted by the February 22, 2016 deadline. The essay winners will be notified by March 1st and the awards program will take place at the Indiana Statehouse March 30th.

Spring Semester 2016 -Teaching with Primary Sources Institutes that will be offered by the [Indiana University Center on Representative Government](#)

2016 Teachers As Artists Exhibit Submit art for upcoming Teachers as Artists 2-D and 3-D Juried Art Exhibit, sponsored by AEAI, IPAPA and Hunts Remedy. The competition is open to all Indiana teachers/artists K-college level. Submit jpegs by Feb 6, 2016. Request application and guidelines: sandyhall68@sbcglobal.net or www.aeai.org/exhibition --Creative Arts and Event Center, 2 W. Main St., Greenfield IN.

Indiana Education Service Centers offer a variety of professional development opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

- [Region 8 Education Service Center](#)
- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Southern Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [East Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [West Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Wabash Valley Education Service Center](#)
- [Wilson Education Center ESC Region 2](#)